

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1895.

Annexation.

THE INDEPENDENT is in favor of anything, that some day or other may bring prosperity to Hawaii nei. If annexation to the United States is the goal that brings us wealth, by all means let us have annexation. The official morning paper tells us with a kind of ferocious joy that Morgan and Harrison have joined hands as far as the annexation of Hawaii is concerned.

The two gentlemen are undoubtedly highly estimable.

We have in fact never known any Morgan or Harrison to be otherwise. But to decide the fate of a nation, to deprive a people of its independence simply because Morgan and Harrison are mentioned is hardly in accord with modern ideas.

If the people of Hawaii want to be annexed to the great republic, let them apply for it.

If the men who control the government of Hawaii today are earnestly and sincerely in favor of annexation, let them repeat the application made in 1893, and let the men who now back them be convinced of the sincerity of their actions.

Annexation means great advantages to the people of Hawaii. It may mean wealth and prosperity to all. But it means the loss of independence, the loss of national existence and self-esteem.

The great republic of America will never pass an act that will enable an administration to force a foreign nation into its dominion, and that will force the Stars and Stripes over unwilling citizens. Morgan and Harrison may be good and honest men. If they are they will admit that the rights of the Hawaiian must and shall be protected and that their country shall not be consumed until the aboriginal owners of the soil call out "annex us."

If the Hawaiians can be taught to realize that annexation and subsequent loss of independence means gain, honor and prosperity, they will be the first to come forward and ask for a shelter under the glorious flag of the republic.

If arguments and proofs to that effect are not forthcoming, the Hawaiian will stand aloof and annexation will simply mean a conquest by the stronger — by the ilk of Morgan and Harrison.

He Ran Away.

The mail service of this country by the international postal union can hardly be said to be up to date if it is

true that most important letters are lost so frequently.

The letter of the ex-Queen in which she offered to grant a free pardon or anything else towards her opponents was miscarried, and Minister Willis was thereby baulked in his natural efforts of carrying out Mr. Cleveland's instructions.

The letter from the United States government to Willis in which the demand for the recall of Thurston was made was also miscarried, and it went to China or Japan or some other distant country.

Minister Willis is extremely unfortunate in regard to his mail.

If His Excellency would accept a free and gratis advice, he would establish a service of his own, and avoid the serious faults of the international postal union.

Mr. Thurston, however knew nothing of Mr. Gresham's ideas and he simply travelled to Hawaii as a virtuous [he always was] and dignified diplomat. The letter which contained his disgrace went to China, Japan or India or to anywhere else except to Mr. Willis, and Mr. Thurston appeared in his usual role as the promoter of the Hawaiian Republic and its great representative in the United States.

The letter is here now and it settles Mr. Thurston as a diplomat. Of course the wrong is on the side of Mr. Gresham, but somehow or other he is in vulgar parlance the "upper dog." Nobody here who knows Thurston would dispute his good qualities for diplomatic services. He is polite, elegant and refined. He is a man of the world, dignified and suave. He is in fact just the kind of cattle that a government would send as its representative to a foreign power and there do it full justice. The only thing that we fear is that our national pride, our diplomat, our Thurston lacks is courage. He ran away! The ambassador evidently knew and thied himself away to his native home where his patrons and chums always have sworn to him and where they now try to get him off to Japan, Egypt or Jupiter.

But he shouldn't have run.

Royalists.

When our solicitor comes around and asks for subscription or advertisements the first question is in regard to the policy of the INDEPENDENT. "Are you Royalists?" is always asked.

The INDEPENDENT takes pleasure in stating that we are not. Whatever we have been or whatever our staff's former record may be we can freely state that we know the character of the so-called Royalist party sufficiently well to steer clear of all connection with it. The truth is, that the leaders of the

said party have only one allegiance in their heart or mind. And that is to themselves. When in power they snubbed and scorned their supporters, and patronized and favored the man on the "other side." When in trouble, be it for an election or a revolution they remembered every man on "their side," and they cringed and begged for support. When the collapse came and some of the men who had stood faithfully with through every dilemma found themselves impoverished, jailed, and hunted to the wall for services rendered to the men who enjoyed their bountiful table, their social entertainment and their general prestige their memory grew short and the services rendered were forgotten, alike with the renderer.

But if history should bring it, so, that the same "leaders" again came on top and that the "Royalist" party was "in it," services would again be in demand, sympathy for hardships formerly endured be rendered, and unlimited promises and assurances be the order of the day.

At that time it will be well for the men on whom the Royalists depend to remember only one thing, and that is to forget the "suckers" of the orange and only remember the political "enemies" who stood by them in the hours of need.

SPORTS.

The Men with the Guns have a Chance.

No. 2:20 Race.

The Sportsmen's Association is to be congratulated. It is a great credit to our local hunters that they endeavor daily to increase the quality and quantity of game and in due time they will succeed in making the coral rocks of Oahu a pasture for game birds. In the Mariposa a local sportsman received twenty Wonga pigeons from Sydney and yesterday the beautiful birds were given liberty and a chance to familiarize themselves with the breezes and zephyrs of Hawaii nei.

The Nonga pigeons are large and surpass the ordinary bird seen in most countries. It is a bird hunted and cherished by hunters in Australia like the snipe or quail in more northern countries.

The quail in certain parts of California is so numerous that hunting becomes a "dream." There are no reasons why the pigeons now imported should not prove themselves equally prolific, and multiply until every man here will try to carry a gun—not alone for the defense of our noble government, but for the slaughter of the overfed birds.

A move is also on foot to secure prairie chickens. We hope that the association will succeed in securing

that valuable bird. Besides quail and plover Hawaii has very little in the line of game fowls. With the Wonga pigeon and prairie chicken we would be somewhere, and the sportsmen's association would have insisted in making a progress in Hawaii's history not to be surpassed by that done by the very oldest missionaries.

CYCLING.

It will be a pleasure to all devotees of the wheel, be they in bloomers or out of them (where is Jack?) to learn that a five miles race has been provided for by the 11th of June committee and that the boys have got a chance to show their move.—Our local champions will find a close competition with the new-comers. The INDEPENDENT may enter in the race.

THE RACE TRACK.

It has been suggested that a race should be arranged for a 2:20 class, on the next meeting on 11th of June. The proposition has been left with the executive committee of the club and no action has so far been taken.—Anybody who knows anything about race can of course see that the proposition is made for the purpose of getting up a race between Nevada and Johnny Hayward. Creole would be barred in a 2:20 race and the dangerous competition would be left out. Creole will presumably enter in the free for all race and will have a walk over. It is suggested that the racing men accept the situation, import better trotters and then face the music. The executive committee of the Jockey Club ought not change its programme one iota to suit persons. Clique or horse.

S. S. MIOWERA.

He Arrives from Sydney and Fiji Last Night.

The Canadian — Australian steamer Miowera, Captain Stott, arrived last night at 7:15. Priser Young kindly supplies the following report of the voyage.

The Miowera left Sydney at 1 p. m., April 18, arriving at Suva, Fiji, on the 24th, where, after a stay at several hours, she proceeded on her voyage. She experienced pleasant weather on the run. The equator was crossed on Saturday, April 27, in lat. 7:18, and the S. S. Warrimoo of the same line was passed on Sunday, 28th, at 9:15 a. m., in 1:29 north latitude and 169:12:18 longitude. About midnight the Miowera resumed her voyage to Vancouver.

The following passengers arrived by the Miowera: Mr. and Mrs. Long, Mr. Bondle, Mr. Saule and three children, Mr. Smith, Misses Smith 2, Master Smith, and 61 in transit.

The steamer left port shortly after midnight. She received from here the following freight for Victoria: 247 crates bananas, 245 bbls. bananas, 3 boxes pine apples, 1 case sewing machine, 2 cases books, 1 book case and 1 bag coffee. The steamer brought a pony for professor Sequah and a carriage.

FIRE LAST NIGHT.

A House on Liliha Street has a Narrow Escape.

At twenty minutes to eight o'clock last night, a lamp was accidentally turned over in a house occupied by George Wood on Liliha Street, and set fire to a mattress and other bedding. George Woolsey, who rents an adjoining house, rushed in and dragged the burning material to the outside. He burned his hands severely in doing this service. Analaun was turned in, and the bell rang in the main tower.

The first machine to arrive was the chemical engine, in charge of Engineer Bremley. Steamer No. 1 was quickly after the chemical engine, in charge of Engineer P. Hughes. Before the arrival of the firemen, however, the fire had been put out with pails of water.

A large crowd had gathered in the meantime and Liliha Street was more lively than it had been since several months ago, when a Chinaman was burned to death in his cabin back of Mr. McNeeney's. Mr. Wood, occupant of the house, an engineer on the steamer Kaala, and that steamer was approaching port at the time, his home was threatened with the flames. The house is one of a row of three belonging to Thomas Silva. Only the prompt action of the neighbors saved the house from serious damage if not destruction.

SPEAK UP.

Or Hawaii will Shut Up.

Amongst the through passengers by the S. S. Miowera last night was Mr. N. McKenzie of Toronto, Ontario, who is returning to the queen city of Canada after a five years residence in Melbourne. Mr. McKenzie has had charge of the sales department of the Massey Manufacturing Company's business in the Australian Colonies and is thoroughly conversant with the political situation in that country. Before leaving Sydney he had an interview with Canadian Commissioner Lake who informed him that he had been eminently successful in his mission to the Colonies. It is Mr. Lark's opinion that the proposed cable between Australia and British Columbia will be completed in the near future. Mr. McKenzie says that from what he could learn before leaving Sydney no further effort will be made to interest the Government of Hawaii in the cable scheme. If the latter want the cable to touch here they must propose terms satisfactory to its promises. Mr. McKenzie reports business extremely dull in the Colonies and says there is no hope of improvement for several years to come.

Progress.

In a chat with Mr. J. F. Scott, the general Secretary of the Board of Education, the information is gained that the public schools were never in a more prosperous condition. They are filled to overflowing with pupils and applications are on file for four or five new school houses. The enrollment is over 12,000.

The private school are in the same healthy condition, and the educational status is constantly progressing.—There is still hope for Hawaii nei.

Home Industry.

H. E. McIntyre has received from Samoa a fine invoice of dwarf coconuts and breadfruit trees of the large variety. H. J. Moors sent them to him and has again given the public of Honolulu a chance to secure plants that are not alone ornamental but useful and prolific. The Samoan coconut grows easily in Honolulu and gives excellent results within 5 or 7 years.

The breadfruit is equally desirable and it will pay anyone who is in the tropical farming business to call in and see McIntyre.

What Others Say Of Us.

The N. Y. Nation of April 11th says: "The antics of the nineteen men who now constitute the republic of Hawaii are actually amusing in their audacity. When they declared martial law, they expressly stated that the courts will remain in session and conduct ordinary business as usual, except as to the issue of writs of habeas corpus. Yet hundreds of citizens were seized without warrant, imprisoned without arraignment, and tried for suspected treason before a military commission, being denied the right of trial by jury guaranteed by the Hawaiian constitution. The situation is closely analogous to the famous Mulligan case passed up on by the Supreme Court. Mulligan was convicted of treasonable conspiracies by a military commission and sentenced to be hanged. But the Supreme Court intervened, and declared that in a place where actual war did not exist, and where the civil courts were open, no man could be deprived of life or liberty by a military commission. That was not "due process of law." The Hawaiian nineteen seem to have heard of this decision, and so have gone to work and passed acts validating all that they have done. As executive they override the laws and constitution, and then as legislature the same precious nineteen pass acts declaring all they had done to have been "within the constitutional authority of the President," and the suit for damages or prosecution for malfeasance in office can not be brought against the government, or any officer thereof. This is the boldest trick that the usurpers have played yet. They admit that they have imprisoned and fined citizens without due process of law, but scornfully remind victims that they are the legislative branch, as well as the executive and judicial, and that no redress can be had. But, of course, no one but a *kakuna*, or a man whose chastity or liberty-loving principles are under grave suspicion, will see in such conduct but pure deration to free institutions and religion.

Not Correct.

Yesterday afternoon's Star has following item:

Harry Diamond shipped a handsome island horse by the Mariposa. The animal came from Rise's stock farm on Kauai. The horse came from Gay & Robinson's ranch and is by the sire Spraydon and dam Arabian, both of thoroughbred pedigree. Spraydon belonged to Rice's ranch.

Alexander McKinnon, quartermaster on board the S. S. Miowera, while removing spray cloths blown down, broke his thigh. Passengers raised a subscription of nearly \$100 for his relief, and he was taken to Queen's Hospital on the steamer's arrival here.

CHILD'S GARDEN.

Beautiful Institution Inaugurated in Honolulu.

It is well-known that a free kindergarten system for children of various nationalities has been maintained in Honolulu for several months through the contributions of well disposed people.

At the same time a paid kindergarten has been kept up by fees of those who desired to give their little ones a start on the road to knowledge. Yesterday the paying school, called the "Child's Garden" in English, had exercises celebrating the opening of a new school-home for them.

A handsome and artistic building has been erected by Mrs. E. C. Damon on her premises, Beretania street near Alapai. It has been made especially for kindergarten purposes. The end of the building looking out on Beretania street consists nearly all of a huge sheet of plate glass, forming the exterior of a spacious alcove. The side next Waikiki is divided between mullion windows in bay style and hinged panels to give a free circulation of air in fine weather. On the opposite side is a lanai opening in a beautiful arch to the air. Its roof lets a tree go through it by natural growth.

In the main schoolroom a Maypole is set up, and circles are painted about it to show the children where to stand. There was a large attendance of guests of Mrs. Damon yesterday to enjoy the singing and physical exercises of the little children for whose benefit kindergartens are founded. Chief Justice and Mrs. Judd, Justice and Mrs. W. F. Frear, Mrs. B. F. Dillingham, Professor and Mrs. Hosmer of Oahu College, Rev. O. H. Gulick, Senator W. H. Rice, Rev. Alex. Mackintosh and wife, Professor Richards and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Castle, Mrs. G. P. Castle, Miss Hopper, Fred. J. Lowrey, Rev. F. W. Damon, Hon. S. M. Damon, Mrs. Brewer, principal of the Punaluu Preparatory School J. A. Laws, William Hood, Mrs. Dr. Herbert and many others, relatives of the little ones or friends of the institution were among those present.

Miss Craig directed the exercises while playing accompaniments on the piano, and Miss Kinney gave immediate orders. The children were charming in the highest degree; singing beautiful songs with bodily action with all the self-consciousness trained out of them.

Mrs. Damon treated the large party to ice cream and cake after the exercises.

Suicide.

Thomas Johnston, chief cook and baker on board the steamer Miowera, when the vessel was two days out from Sydney, jumped overboard. The ship was put about, but it was too late. Passengers saw an albatross descend from the sky and peck at the man, and then he disappeared. It seemed not improbable, that a shark got hold of him. Johnston had been drinking heavily, and was refused more liquor by the captain after leaving Sydney. Johnston left a wife and three children in Glasgow.

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